

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Eurasia Regional
Program Title:	Rule of Law
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	110-0220
Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:	\$1,309,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$264,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2005 Obligation:	\$357,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	FY 1993
Year of Final Obligation:	FY 2006

Summary: USAID's rule of law program promotes legal systems that better support democratic processes and market reforms through training, grants, and technical assistance in the following areas: regional approaches to legal education, including distance learning; building and enhancing the sustainability of local legal reform organizations; and support to missions in determining strategic and programmatic approaches in rule of law and anti-corruption.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2004 Program:

Justice sector strengthening (\$848,000 FSA). USAID will continue to fund through the American Bar Association/Central and Eastern Law initiative (ABA/CEELI), advisors to provide organizational development assistance to key legal reform partner NGOs in Eurasia. USAID will continue to fund a series of training courses, each specifically tailored to the needs of E&E judges and lawyers, all of which will now be offered at the newly renovated CEELI Institute building in Prague. Prime implementer is ABA/CEELIU.

Distance learning (\$383,000 FSA). In furtherance of the distance learning program, course material will be developed for legal distance learning programs as contemplated by the agreements made by Florida State University (FSU) with the University of Bucharest (Romania) and Saint Petersburg University (Russia). Course designers are now working with faculty members at both universities to develop and design training modules for courses that will be offered on line to students and non-students. Grantee is FSU.

Program support (\$78,000 FSA, \$263,876 FSA carryover). USAID support to Eurasia missions will continue with assessments, strategy advice, workshops, and program design assistance to support mission rule of law and anti-corruption objectives.

FY 2005 Program:

Rule of law (\$357,000 FSA). Funds will be used to continue assessments, strategy advice, workshops, and program support to missions.

Performance and Results: The CEELI Institute facility in Prague is now operational and a strategic plan has been implemented in furtherance of its stated fundraising goal. The fundraising committee broadened its base effort (e.g., the World Bank gave the Institute a grant for \$300,000) and created a fact book about the Institute. The Institute has also begun "train the trainers" programs for faculty and staff from other training organizations.

In furtherance of the distance learning program, USAID reviewed and approved FSU's business and sustainability plan and assessment findings. FSU also signed a memorandum of understanding with Saint Petersburg University to offer a distance learning course.

Through ABA/CEELI, advisors provided comprehensive organizational development assistance to key legal reform partner NGOs in Eurasia. ABA/CEELI expanded its regional staff by hiring five additional indigenous advisors for Eurasia organizational development assistance. These advisors have the advantage of speaking the local languages, which obviates the need for translators. Twenty-one priority partner organizations now have organizational development plans, most of which have shown substantial progress against performance indicators.

Two additional country assessments were completed in FY 2003 and early FY 2004 (Bulgaria and Russia) under the E&E Regional Rule of Law Impact Assessment program begun in October 2001, bringing to eight the total number of E&E country assessments completed. The eight country assessment findings will be synthesized into a final report on rule of law impact experience in the E&E region in early calendar year 2004.